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For :EXPANDABLE BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED LINEARLOW-  
DENSITY POLYETHYLENE-BASED RESIN, PRODUCTION  
METHOD THEREFOR, PRE-EXPANDED BEADS AND EXPANDED  
MOLDED ARTICLE

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

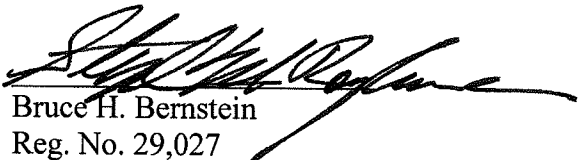
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.47, Appellants respectfully request an Oral Hearing in the above-identified Appeal. The fee for filing a Request for Oral Hearing is being paid concurrently herewith.

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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